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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William L. Robinson, 206-526-6140.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the annual management measures for ocean salmon fisheries (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995), NMFS announced that the 1995 commercial fishery in the area between Sisters Rocks and House Rock, OR, would open on May 1 and fishing would be allowed on designated days (May 1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 14-15, 18-19, 23-24, 27-28, and 31) or until attainment of the quota. The preseason objective for implementing the open/closure cycle was to dampen catch rates and extend the fishing season for as long as possible.

The best available information on May 16 indicated that commercial catch and effort rates have been low, with catches totaling 155 chinook salmon. The fishery is scheduled to close the earlier of May 31 or attainment of the 1,000-chinook salmon quota. The preseason management measure that opened this fishery for 2-day periods is being rescinded because its use as a catch dampening measure is now considered to be too restrictive. Conversion to a 7-day fishing week would provide additional fishing opportunity to commercial fishermen to increase access to chinook salmon.

In the annual management measures (60 FR 21746, May 3, 1995), NMFS announced a gear restriction in the 1995 recreational fishery in the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, OR, that included the provision that all attractors, including divers, are prohibited. The State of Oregon has implemented regulations with a less restrictive provision that allows use of uncolored divers. Therefore, to make Federal regulations consistent with State regulations, in note C.2. of Table 2, on page 21756, the last phrase starting with "all attractors" is amended to read: "all attractors, such as flashers or colored divers, are prohibited; uncolored divers are not considered attractors."

Modifications of fishing seasons and gear restrictions are authorized by regulations at 50 CFR 661.21(b)(1)(i) and (iv), respectively. All other restrictions that apply to these fisheries remain in effect as announced in the annual management measures.

The Director Northwest Region, NMFS, consulted with representatives of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding these adjustments affecting the commercial fishery between Sisters Rocks and House Rock and the recreational fishery between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain. The State of Oregon will manage the commercial and recreational fisheries in state waters adjacent to these areas of the exclusive economic zone in accordance with this Federal action. In accordance with the inseason notice procedures of 50 CFR 661.23, actual notice to fishermen of the fishing season action was given prior to 0001 hours local time, May 18, 1995, by telephone hotline number (206) 526-6667 or (800) 662-9825 and by U.S. Coast Guard Notice to Mariners broadcasts on Channel 16 VHF-FM and 2182 kHz. Because of the need for immediate action in order to take advantage of the opportunity to harvest the quota, and to conform Federal regulations with state regulations, NMFS has determined that good cause exists for this notice to be issued without affording a prior opportunity for public comment. This notice does not apply to other fisheries that may be operating in other areas.

#### Classification

This action is authorized by 50 CFR 661.21 and 661.23 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 13, 1995.

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#### 50 CFR Part 675

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#### Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area; Apportionment of Reserve

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Apportionment of reserve.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is apportioning reserve to certain target species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow for ongoing harvest and account

for previous harvest of the total allowable catch (TAC).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12 noon, Alaska local time (A.l.t.), June 20, 1995, until 12 midnight, A.l.t., December 31, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nick Hindman, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Fishing by U.S. vessels is governed by regulations implementing the FMP at 50 CFR parts 620 and 675.

The Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, has determined that the initial TACs specified for the following species need to be supplemented from the nonspecific reserve to continue fishing operations and account for prior harvest: Pollock, Greenland turbot, and Pacific ocean perch (POP) in the Bering Sea subarea (BS); pollock, Greenland turbot, POP, and sharpchin/northern rockfish in the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI); Atka mackerel in the combined Eastern Aleutian District and BS subarea; Atka mackerel in the Central and Western Aleutian Districts; and Pacific cod, arrowtooth flounder, and the "other species" category in the BSAI.

Therefore, in accordance with § 675.20(b), NMFS is apportioning to TACs from the reserve for the following species: (1) For the BS - 93,750 metric tons (mt) to pollock, 700 mt to Greenland turbot, and 277 mt to POP; (2) for the AI - 4,245 mt to pollock, 350 mt to Greenland turbot, 1,575 mt to POP, and 765 mt to sharpchin/northern rockfish; (3) for the combined Eastern Aleutian District and BS - 2,025 mt to Atka mackerel; (4) for the Central Aleutian District - 7,500 mt to Atka mackerel; (5) for the Western Aleutian District - 2,475 mt to Atka mackerel; and (6) for the BSAI - 37,500 mt to Pacific cod, 1,534 mt to arrowtooth flounder, and 3,000 mt to the "other species" category.

These apportionments are consistent with § 675.20(a)(2)(i) and do not result in overfishing of a target species or the "other species" category, because the revised TACs are equal to or less than specifications of acceptable biological catch.

Pursuant to § 675.20(a)(3)(i), the apportionments of pollock are allocated between the inshore and offshore components: (1) For the BS - 32,812 mt

to vessels catching pollock for processing by the inshore component and 60,938 mt to vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component; (2) for the AI - 1,486 mt to vessels catching pollock for processing by the inshore component and 2,759 to vessels catching pollock for processing by the offshore component.

Pursuant to 50 CFR 675.20(a)(3)(iv), the apportionment of the BSAI Pacific cod TAC is allocated 750 mt to vessels using jig gear, 16,500 mt to vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear, and 20,250 mt to vessels using trawl gear.

In accordance with the BSAI final 1995 specifications for groundfish (FR 60 8479, February 14, 1995), the allocation to hook-and-line/pot gear will result in seasonal apportionments as follows: For the period January 1 through April 30 - 80,300 mt, for the period May 1 through August 31 - 20,900 mt, and for the period September 1 through December 31 - 8,800 mt.

This apportionment was proposed in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 27488, May 24, 1995) requesting public comment. The public comment period ended on June 7, 1995, and no comments were received.

#### **Classification**

This action is taken under 50 CFR 675.20 and is exempt from review under E.O. 12866.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*

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